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Local Investors showing interest in making San Nicolas the next tourism capital



Last Thursday morning Ministers Oduber and de Meza organized an information session for local investors to show the government's vision

for the future of San Nicolaas.

The interest from different investors was remarkable with a full house.

An interesting video presentation showed the history of San Nicolas, our island, its development, its actual situation and the government's vision for the future of San Nicolas. Obviously, the Caribbean Festival and different other investments realized in the cultural and historic aspect of San Nicolaas was presented.

One outstanding feature of the information session was not just the Caribbean Festival which meets once every Thursday and celebrated its 100th edition this past week, but they now want to expand on this idea with a Caribbean Street. Such an idea is patterned after the Bourbon Street in New Orleans, which is a major tourism attraction.

The government is investing in San Nicolas and the outlying areas, and if they can count on different investors, much can be done so that we can reach our goal much faster in making San Nicolas the next tourism capital of Aruba, according to the government.

It was decided that a delegation would travel to New Orleans to see and experience the Bourbon Street concept which can be incorporated into Aruba with our Caribbean touch combined with the more than 80 different cultures living together in harmony in San Nicolaas.

Putin, Obama fail to ease Syria rift at G20



SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) - US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin failed Friday to end their bitter dispute over US plans for military action in Syria, as half of the G20 called for a "strong" response to a chemical

weapons attack blamed on the regime.

Obama said that the world could not "stand idly by" after the Syria chemical attack but Putin warned that it would be "outside the law" to attack without the UN's blessing.

Putin also said Russia would "help Syria" if the US were to strike, pointing to existing military, economic and humanitarian cooperation.

"We spoke sitting down... it was a constructive, meaningful, cordial conversation," Putin said after his previously unscheduled talks with Obama.

"Each of us kept with our own opinion," said Putin, who has emerged as one of the most implacable critics of military intervention against the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for an alleged chemical weapons attack on August 21.

Asked what Moscow would do if military action began against Syria, Putin

said: "Will we help Syria? We will."

The split among leaders of the world's top emerging and developed countries over the issue was symbolised in a statement supported by 11 states at the G20 calling for a "strong international response" to the chemical attack.

Without specifying military action, it said the response would "send a clear message that this kind of atrocity can never be repeated".

The signatories included US allies Britain, France and Saudi Arabia but conspicuously missing were Russia, China and also key EU member Germany.

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Minister of Tourism presents book on Tourism to School Board



This past week, the Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber, presented a copy of the book written by Rory Arends to the Board of SKOA. This is in an effort that they can include this material in their curriculum. Through funds from the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF) they were able to finance a large quantity of the important book so that all secondary schools will receive a copy. Rory Arends has a long history in tourism, more than 30 years of experience as Director of ATA and later as CEO of AHATA. Because of all of this experience, Arends decided to write a book on tourism, which he titled, Yesterday, Today and... Tomorrow?

Aquannette Gunn of SKOA was very pleased with the book on tourism. She considered the work an added value to the lessons that children are already getting on tourism. The TPEF considered it an honor to support the project. The Minister was very proud and delighted and thanked TPEF for their valuable support, also, for the support of SKOA, and the La Salle College. Not only SKOA schools, but all public schools will receive copies of the important book.

Government signs agreement for work to begin on Pastoor Hendrikstraat



Pastoor Hendrikstraat is a very heavily trafficked street in San Nicolaas. It happens to also be one of the widest roads in San Nicolas. This past week Prime Minister Mike Eman, Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sevinger and Minister of Finance Mike de Meza signed an agreement for work to begin on this principal road in San Nicolaas.

The Pastoor Hendrikstraat over the years has experienced many accidents, hence the preoccupation of the government to find a solution to

reduce the speed and number of vehicles using this road. This happens to be one of the 90 projects that the government is involved with over the island.

Minister de Meza expressed satisfaction that again they are able to give due attention to San Nicolas. He thanked DOW, FDA and Wegenbouw and his colleagues for their support of the project. De Meza indicated: "we are anxious to get started on this project as soon as possible."

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IOM and its Partners Launch: A Situational Analysis of Aruba's Response to Human Trafficking

A new research conducted by IOM in close cooperation with the Government of Aruba uniquely examines Aruba's prevention, protection and prosecution efforts related to human trafficking, and determines the effectiveness of its laws, policies, procedures, practices and partnerships.

"The impetus for the research was a need for stakeholders to better understand the island's strengths and weaknesses in its response to

human trafficking. Ultimately, the Situational Analysis serves as a discussion and action guide for all those involved to improve Aruba's response to the crime," explained Chissey Mueller, IOM Project Manager.

The research documents the action, along with the human and material resources, that Aruba has invested since 2006 with the introduction of a human trafficking article in the Aruban Criminal Code. It also high-

lights key achievements including the formation of a multi-agency task force, the establishment of a National Coordinator, a hotline, awareness campaigns including a National Day against Human Trafficking, assistance to victims of trafficking and investigation and prosecution of cases.

The Situational Analysis however recommends that Aruba strive for a more structured response by, for example, allocating an adequate

budget to support activities undertaken by the task force and for a full-time National Coordinator position; formalizing its cooperation with non-governmental organizations (NGOs); updating the current policy regarding prostitution in all its forms; training for a range of key stakeholders; and creating more opportunities for government agencies to interact with and provide information to newly arrived migrants.

The Situational Analysis is also unique because it features artwork on the cover and inside pages that was created by youth in Aruba for a 2012 competition. The first and second place winners will receive their copy of the research, a certificate, and a monetary prize at the launch on Monday 9 September with Aruba's Minister of Justice, the National Coordinator and IOM.

Since 2004, IOM has been helping to build the capacity

of the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean to fight human trafficking by raising awareness, training stakeholders and identifying and assisting victims. Regional trends, which are also present in Aruba, include trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labor and domestic servitude. Between 2009 and 2012, the Anti-Human Trafficking and Smuggling National Coordinator of Aruba documented 10 official cases of alleged or confirmed human trafficking.

The research is part of IOM's regional capacity building program to combat human trafficking in Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago, with funding made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP).

House leader: expect Syria vote within two weeks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US House Republican leader told his caucus Friday to expect a vote on authorization of the use of force in Syria within the next two weeks.

In an internal memo to fellow Republican members, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor laid out a busy schedule in the months ahead, including debate and a vote on whether to give President Barack Obama the green light to launch a punishing military strike on the Syrian regime.

"Understanding that there are differing opinions on both sides of the aisle, it is up to President Obama to make the case to Congress and to the American people that this is the right course of action," Cantor said in the memo.

Obama said he will address the American people on the issue of Syria on Tuesday.

Tropical Storm Lorena lashes Mexico Pacific coast

LA PAZ (AFP) - Tropical Storm Lorena swirled off Mexico's Pacific coast Friday, dumping heavy rain and prompting authorities to prepare shelters for the evacuation of 30,000 people from the resort of Los Cabos.

The storm was 50 kilometers (31 miles) southeast from the tip of Baja California state at 1800GMT, with maximum sustained winds of 65 kilometers per hour (40 miles per hour), according to the National Weather Service.

The storm's center could skirt the peninsula's coast late Friday and make landfall as a weaker tropical depression on Saturday, the service said.

Authorities decided to prepare 18 shelters in Los Cabos due to the intense rainfall, said the municipal civil protection director, Wenceslao Petit.

He told AFP that officials expect to "evacuate some 30,000 people from the high

risk areas of this municipality. They won't all go to shelters. Some will stay with relatives."

The hotels in the beach resort of Cabo San Lucas, which is part of the Los Cabos municipality, have their own shelters for tourists.

Another 3,500 people will be evacuated from the town of La Paz in the state of Baja California, which is on the northern half of the peninsula.

The US National Hurricane Center said Lorena could produce three of six inches of rainfall and bring potentially life-threatening floods and mud slides.

Meanwhile, another storm, Gabrielle, has lost much of its punch and now is being classified as a tropical depression, after lashing Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean Thursday with torrential rains.



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A new, elegant ballroom has joined the roster of Aruba's catering venues, with the renovations to the Alhambra Casino and Shopping Mall complete. The second floor of the casino has been refreshed and renovated to provide an ideal venue for catered affairs, particularly suitable for more intimate groups.

Divi Properties GM Alex Nieuwmeyer and Di-

rector of Banquet & Events Sales, Inge van Roon, welcomed island media and numerous party planners to the new ballroom, dressed up in holiday regalia as a preview of what could be arranged for end-of-the-year events.

Executive Chef Gerard Coste prepared a sumptuous buffet, of which all items are available on their catering menu. They offer not only evening events but also can do lunch, brunch and breakfast affairs with omelet stations.

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Ballroom emphasizes the elegant, and the intimate venue can accommodate anywhere from 30 to 180 guest comfortably. Ms. van Roon asked interested parties to take note that Divi has several venues which are ideal for private affairs. For larger groups there is the new Pure Ocean at the Divi Phoenix with a distinctive outdoor ambiance, and smaller groups will

find that Ginger Restaurant and Fusion Lounge at the Alhambra Center can accommodate them quite nicely. The special menus are available at all venues.

For an in-depth examination of the various packages and party venues, contact Inge van Roon at telephone: 525-5225 or e-mail ingevr@megaresorts.com.

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Obama meets Russian gay activists amid crackdown

SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) - US President Barack Obama on Friday met Russian gay rights activists after the G20 summit, in a symbol of US support for the community amid a furore over an "anti-gay" Russian law.

Two gay rights activists were among a group of nine Russian civil society members Obama briefly met just before taking off from Saint Petersburg after the two-day G20 summit hosted by President Vladimir Putin.

Speaking to the group at a hotel near the airport where his plane was waiting, Obama said he is "very proud" of the activists' work.

"The kinds of activities that are represented here are critically important to Russia's development," Obama said. The group also included defenders of business rights, environmentalists, and an investigative journalist from a Russian opposition paper.

"It's important to remember that in every country, here in Russia, in the United States, around the globe, that part of good government is making sure that we're creating space for civil society to function," Obama said.

This included ensuring "freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and making sure that people can join together and make common cause around the issues that we care deeply about," he added.

Ahead of the event, gay activists told AFP they want it to be an "example for the Russian president," and hoped that they can raise awareness about discrimination against sexual minorities in the wake of a law Putin signed in June.



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Washington prepared the ground for possible strikes, evacuating non-essential embassy staff from Beirut and urging Americans to avoid all travel to Lebanon as well as southern Turkey.

The Russian foreign ministry meanwhile Friday strongly warned the United States against targeting Syria's chemical arsenal in any attacks.

--- 'I disagree with his arguments' ---

Putin and Obama spoke for about half an hour on the sidelines of the summit, but neither managed to change the other's mind on Syria.

"He (Obama) disagrees with my arguments, I disagree with his arguments, but we do hear, and we try to analyse," said Putin.

Obama also called the discussion "candid and constructive", adding that it "characterises my relationship with him".

On Friday, the United States said it has come to terms with the fact that no deal could emerge despite repeated attempts at persuading Syria's key ally Russia, and signalled that it would take punitive action against Assad's regime without the UN Security Council's backing.

Obama expressed appreciation for France, saying that he very much valued President Francois Hollande's "commitment to a strong international response for these grievous acts".

He said he would prefer to have an international mandate for the strikes, but that Washington should not be paralysed by a refusal on the part of some countries to act.

"If we're not acting, what does that say?"

Obama, who will address the US nation on Tuesday, is now seeking support from Congress for military action, a process he admitted he al-

ways knew was going to be a "heavy lift".

He declined to speculate on what he would do if Congress failed to back intervention, saying he refused to "engage in parlour games now".

Russia and China -- both veto-wielding permanent members of the Security Council -- have on three occasions voted down resolutions that would have put pressure on Assad.

During a dinner on Thursday, leaders, including Obama, presented their positions on the Syria crisis which only confirmed the extent of global divisions on the issue.

"The gathering was always going to be divided," acknowledged British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Putin said that a majority of countries at the G20 appeared to be supporting his position.

"You said views divided 50-50, that is not quite right," Putin said in answer to a journalist's question, listing only the United States, Turkey, Canada, Saudi Arabia and France as countries supporting an intervention.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon on Friday also warned that military strikes could spark further sectarian violence in the country which he said is suffering from a humanitarian crisis "unprecedented" in recent history.

"I must warn that ill-considered military action could cause serious and tragic consequences, and with an increased threat of further sectarian violence," Ban said.

Hollande said Paris would await the UN inspectors' report on the chemical attack before any Syria strike while Germany urged the release to be sped up.

The Syria crisis and prospect of military intervention has overshadowed the

official agenda of the two-day summit of leaders of the

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International News

Indonesian Muslims rally against 'pornographic' Miss World



JAKARTA (AFP) - More than 1,000 Islamic hardliners demonstrated against the Miss World beauty contest in host country Indonesia denouncing it as "smut and pornography", as protests grow ahead of the show's weekend opening.

Opposition to the pageant in the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation has intensified in the past week, with demonstrators and some officials calling for the event to be scrapped.

Organisers have already dropped the contest's famous bikini round but the move has failed to appease hardliners and protests have been grow-

ing

Despite growing opposition to the event, the organisers have said that "the show must go on" and insisted the event would be respectful to Indonesian culture.

While most Indonesians in the nation of 240 million people practise a moderate form of Islam, a vocal hardline fringe has succeeded in getting events cancelled in the past.

The Miss World contest begins Sunday on the resort island of Bali, where the majority are Hindu and women sunbathe on beaches in skimpy swimwear with little fear of causing offence.

Indian men jailed for life over gang-rape of student

BANGALORE (AFP) - A court in southern India handed down life sentences Friday to six men for the gang-rape of a law student on a university campus last year.

The six were also ordered to pay a fine totalling 6,000 rupees (around \$90) to the 21-year-old victim from Nepal over the injuries and trauma she suffered in the attack last October in Bangalore.

Sessions judge K. Sangannavar told the court the men would be sent to prison "till their natural death".

The sentence comes days before a verdict is due on four men charged over the fatal gang-rape of a physiotherapy student in New Delhi on a bus last December, a crime that sparked outrage across India.

Weeks of protests over that crime and the wider issue of women's safety in India led to tougher laws against sex offenders.

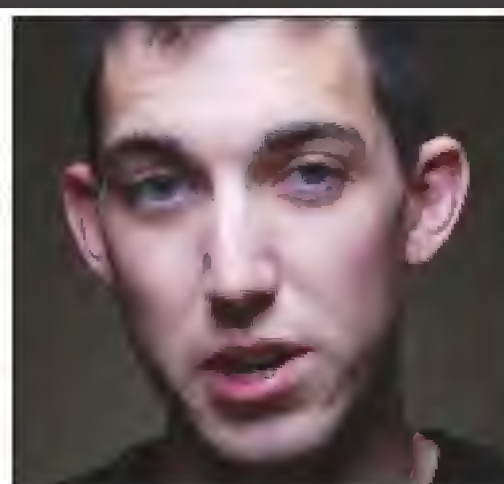
On October 13, the law student had been walking with a male companion in a secluded area of the Bangalore campus when a group of eight approached them. The woman was attacked after her companion was beaten up.

The judge, who found the group guilty earlier in the week, said they deserved the maximum sentence as their crime "involved not just the physical torture, but also the mental trauma of the victim that won't go away for a long time".

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Ohio driver's 'I killed a man' confession goes viral

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A 22-year-old Ohio motorist dramatically claimed responsibility for a drunk-driving fatality, and urged others not to repeat his tragic mistake, in an on-line video that went viral Friday. "My name is Matthew Cordle and on June 22, 2013, I hit and killed Vincent Canzani.



This video will act as my confession," stated Cordle in the professional-looking clip that appears on BecauseISaidIWould.com. The 3-1/2 minute confession opens with somber music and Cordle sitting in a dark room, his face obscured by pixilation, recounting how he "blacked out" behind the wheel after a night of "heavy drinking" then hit another vehicle in a wrong-way crash on an Interstate highway. "When I get charged I will plead guilty and take responsibility for everything I've done to Vincent and his family," he said as the pixilation gives way to a clear view of his face and the camera reveals scars on his arm. Cordle said "high-powered attorneys" had told him they could get him a reduced sentence, or off the hook entirely, if he agreed to lie, "but I won't dishonor Vincent's memory by lying about what happened." The video ends with Cordle looking into the camera and telling viewers: "I'm begging you. Please don't drink and drive. I can't bring Mr Canzani back ... but you can still be saved. You victims can still be saved." Alex Sheen, founder of BecauseISaidIWould.com, a donation-supported website where people can go public with promises, said Cordle approached him via Facebook last month with his story.

Mexico City mulls legal marijuana 'clubs'

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - The Mexico City council is considering the legalization of cannabis plants and the creation of private marijuana smoking "clubs" as it mulls controversial legislation to liberalize consumption, lawmakers said.

The capital hosted a three-day forum on drug policy amid a growing debate in Latin America over the course of the region's deadly struggle against narcotrafficking, with President Enrique Pena Nieto taking a stance against legalization.

Esthela Danian, a councilwoman of the city's ruling Democratic Revolution Party (PRD), told AFP the proposals on the table include allowing the cultivation of three

cannabis plants per person, as well as a system of cooperatives or "non-profit private clubs."

The forum of experts and representatives from around the world, including the United Nations and Organization of American States (OAS), gave way to various opinions that could feed legislation the city council may debate in October.

The US states of Washington and Colorado voted to legalize the recreational use of marijuana last year, a move that shocked the Mexican government as it faces cartel violence that has left more than 70,000 people dead in the past seven years.

Former president Vicente Fox, who was in office from 2000 to 2006, has come out in

favor of legalizing marijuana as a solution to the violence.

Pena Nieto has vowed to tweak the security policy of his predecessor, Felipe Calderon, but he has kept troops on the ground to combat drug trafficking and detain kingpins while voicing opposition to drug legalization.

Mexico City, home to almost nine million people plus 11 million more in its suburbs, has stood out from the rest of the country in recent years by legalizing abortion and allowing gay marriage.

Mexico currently allows the possession of a maximum of five grams of marijuana for personal consumption, but growing and selling weed is illegal.



BRASILIA (AFP) - Foreign doctors, mostly Cubans, involved in the Brazilian government's "More Doctors" program, look at handicrafts during a visit to the Indigenous Health Shelter (CASA) that supports basic and medical needs of Brazil's indigenous Indians. The doctors visit is part of the "More Doctors" program which is aimed to train foreign doctors who will work in Brazil's remote areas.



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Health & Living

Indian court orders bus firm to rehire driver with HIV

MUMBAI (AFP) - An Indian court has ordered a public transport authority to rehire a sacked HIV-positive bus driver in a "landmark" case for those stigmatised for having the virus, the man's lawyer said Friday.

The 43-year-old, whose name has been withheld, was working in the western city of Pune when he became HIV positive in 2008, leading him to require a less heavy-duty job than driving, his advocate Asim Sarode said.

The man approached his employers at the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) explaining his condition and requesting a different position at the company.

"They said it was not possible, that he was taken into employment as a driver and there was no provision to change his job profile. From that point they started harassing him," Sarode told AFP.

He said the harassment led to the man's eventual dismissal last year.

The man took the case to the Bombay High Court, arguing that "capacity to work is more important than HIV status. This is definitely against human rights," his lawyer said.

The bus driver himself told reporters that his wife and two sons had struggled to make ends meet after he was sacked.

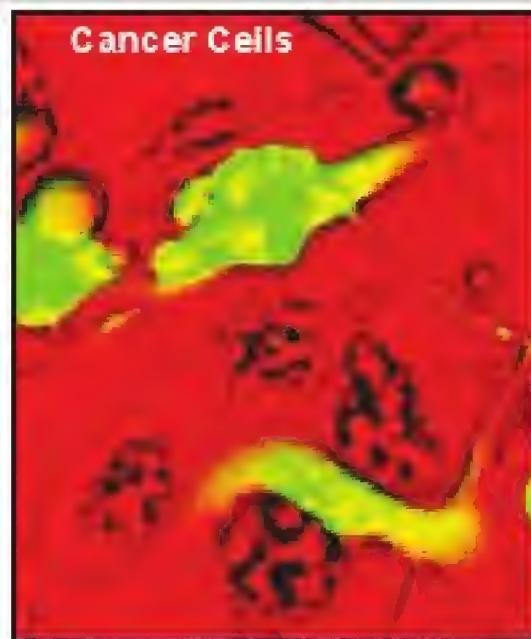
A legal officer for the MSRTC said they had not received the court order and declined to comment further.

Anti-cancer vaccine implant begins US trials in humans

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An experimental vaccine implant to treat skin cancer has begun early trials in humans, as part of a growing effort to train the immune system to fight tumors.

The approach, which was shown to work in lab mice in 2009, involves placing a fingernail-sized sponge under the skin where it reprograms a patient's immune cells to find cancerous melanoma cells and kill them.

The phase I trial aims to test the safety of the implant in a small number of human patients. After that, the device may move to phase II trials on



effectiveness and larger phase III trials before reaching the market.

The implants are made of

biodegradable polymer material that are highly permeable and contain antigens that are specific to the kind of tumor being targeted.

The device releases a protein that attracts immune cells and sends them out armed to hunt down and kill tumor cells.

Researchers say it works differently than conventional cancer vaccines -- which involve removing immune cells from the patient, reprogramming them to attack malignancies and reinjecting them -- because it works from inside the body.

One drug already on the market using the immune sys-

tem against melanoma, called Yervoy, is made by Bristol Myers Squibb and was approved by US regulators in 2011.

Pharmaceutical giants Merck and Roche also have drugs that use the immune system to fight cancer in clinical trials.

British pharma giant GlaxoSmithKline suffered a blow this week when its phase III trial of vaccine candidate MAGE-A3 did not extend survival in melanoma patients who received the vaccine after their tumors were surgically removed.

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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The huge wildfire in Yosemite National Park became California's third biggest ever Friday, but officials re-opened a key road into the tourist landmark as firefighters got a grip on it.

The so-called Rim Fire, accidentally started by a hunter last month, has grown to 246,350 acres (385 square miles), much of it within the park visited by millions of tourists every year.

But firefighters now have it 80 percent contained, and on Friday re-opened Highway 120, the main road into the west of the park used visitors

driving across from San Francisco on the California coast.

At one stage two of the four main roads into Yosemite were closed, as over 5,000 firefighters battled the blaze.

More than 3,600 firefighters are still working to contain the blaze which broke out on August 17, while aircraft have dropped more than 4 million gallons of water and fire retardant over the last 18 days.

It is now the third largest California wildfire since records began 1932, with an area five times that of Washington DC.



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The number of American teens and preteens smoking electronic cigarettes doubled in 2012 over the year before -- a trend US health authorities called "deeply troubling" on Friday. Some 1.78 million US middle and high school students -- around 11 to 18 years old -- smoked so-called e-cigarettes in 2012, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said in a new study. An estimated 160,000 of them had never even smoked a conventional cigarette. E-cigarettes are battery-powered and deliver doses of nicotine and other additives via aerosol.

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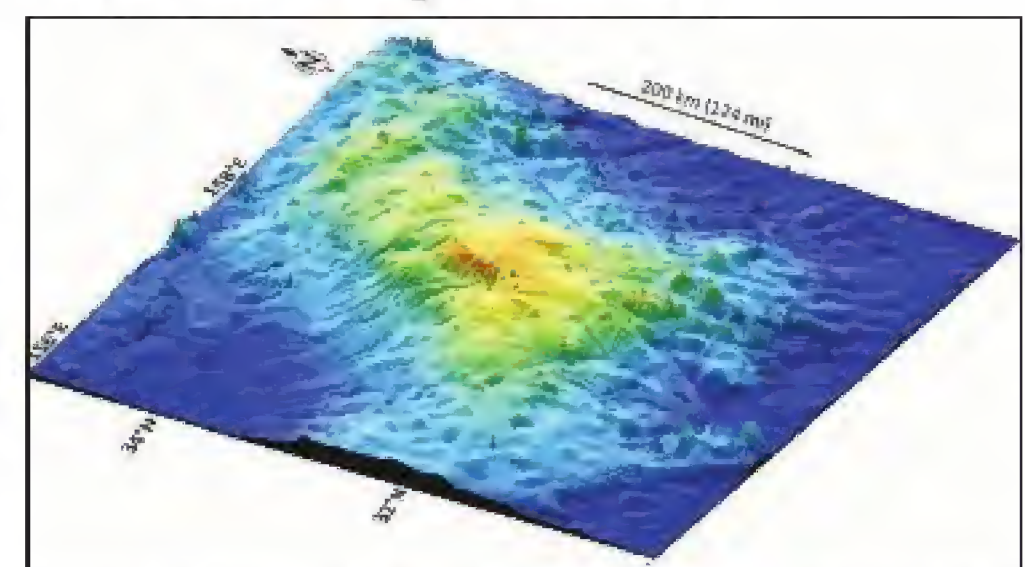
PARIS (AFP) - Geologists on announced they had uncovered a stupendous volcano that is the biggest in the world and rivals the greatest in the Solar System.

Dubbed Tamu Massif, the volcano is part of the Shatsky Rise, a deep plateau on the floor of the Pacific located around 1,600 kilometres (1,000 miles) east of Japan, they said.

It comprises a single, immense, rounded dome in the shape of a shield, formed of hardened lava from an eruption around 144 million years ago.

It covers around 310,000 square kilometres (119,000 square miles) -- the equivalent area of Britain and Ireland combined -- and slopes upwards to a height of around 3.5 kms (2.2 miles) above the sea floor.

In area, "it is... approxi-



mately the same as the British Isles or Olympus Mons on Mars, which is considered the largest volcano in the Solar System."

Olympus Mons, in addition, has relatively shallow roots, whereas Tamu Massif delves some 30 kilometres (18 miles) into Earth's crust.

Ocean surveyors had until now surmised Tamu Massif to be a vast system of multiple volcanoes, a kind that exists in

about a dozen locations around the planet.

The realisation that it was a single volcano of truly massive size only came to light when the team, led by William Sager at Texas A&M University, sought an overview.

Put together, the findings suggest mega-volcanoes found in other parts of the Solar System have cousins on Earth, says the paper.

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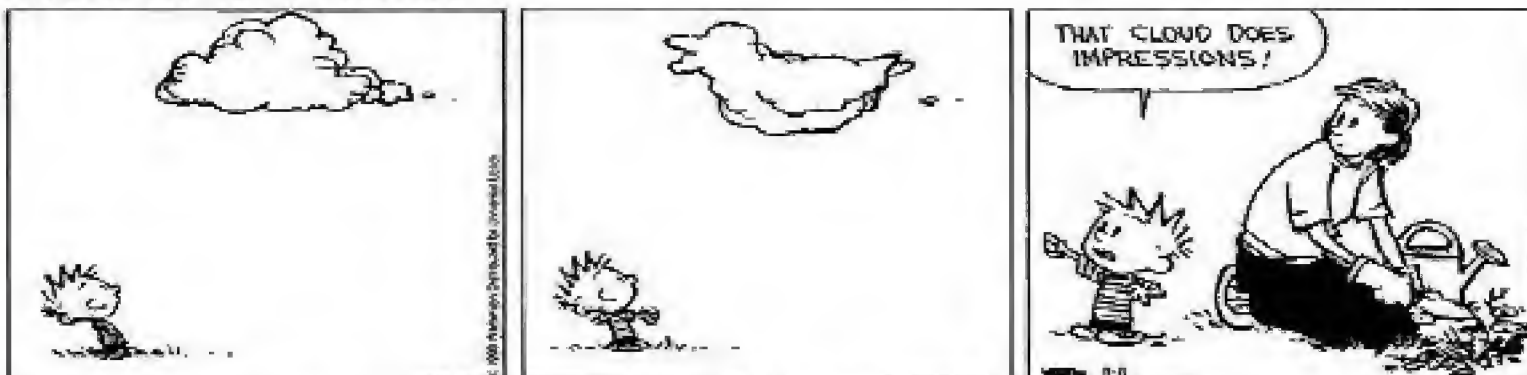
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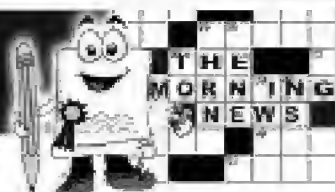
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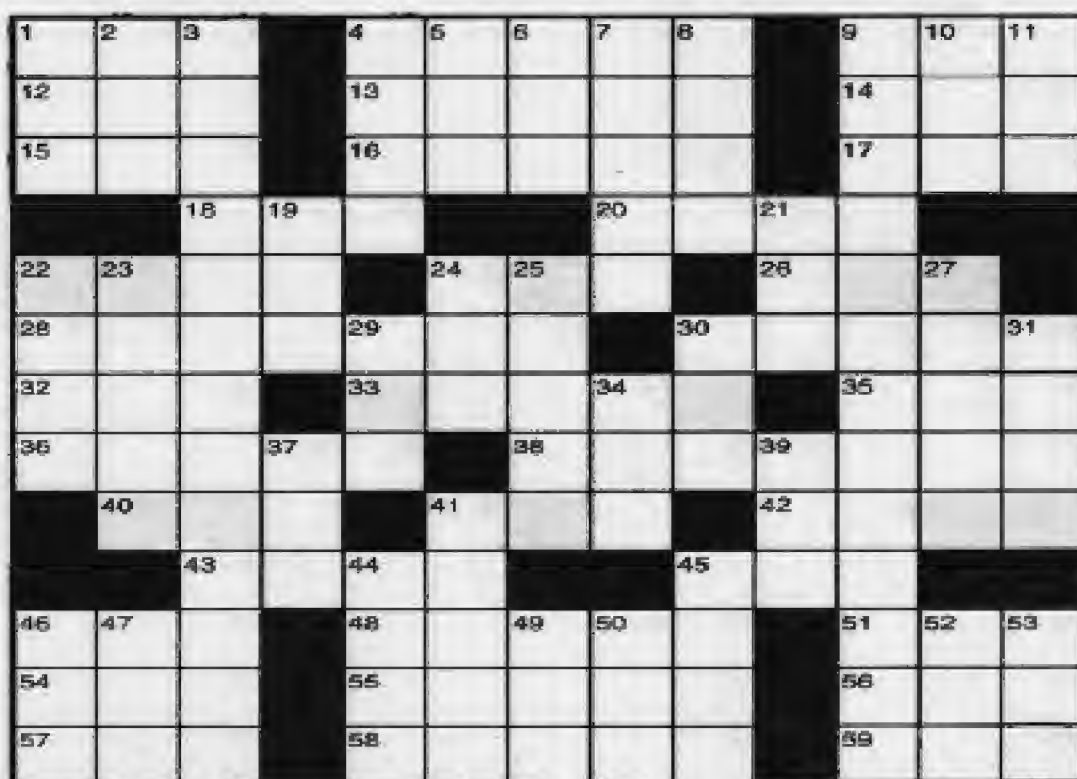
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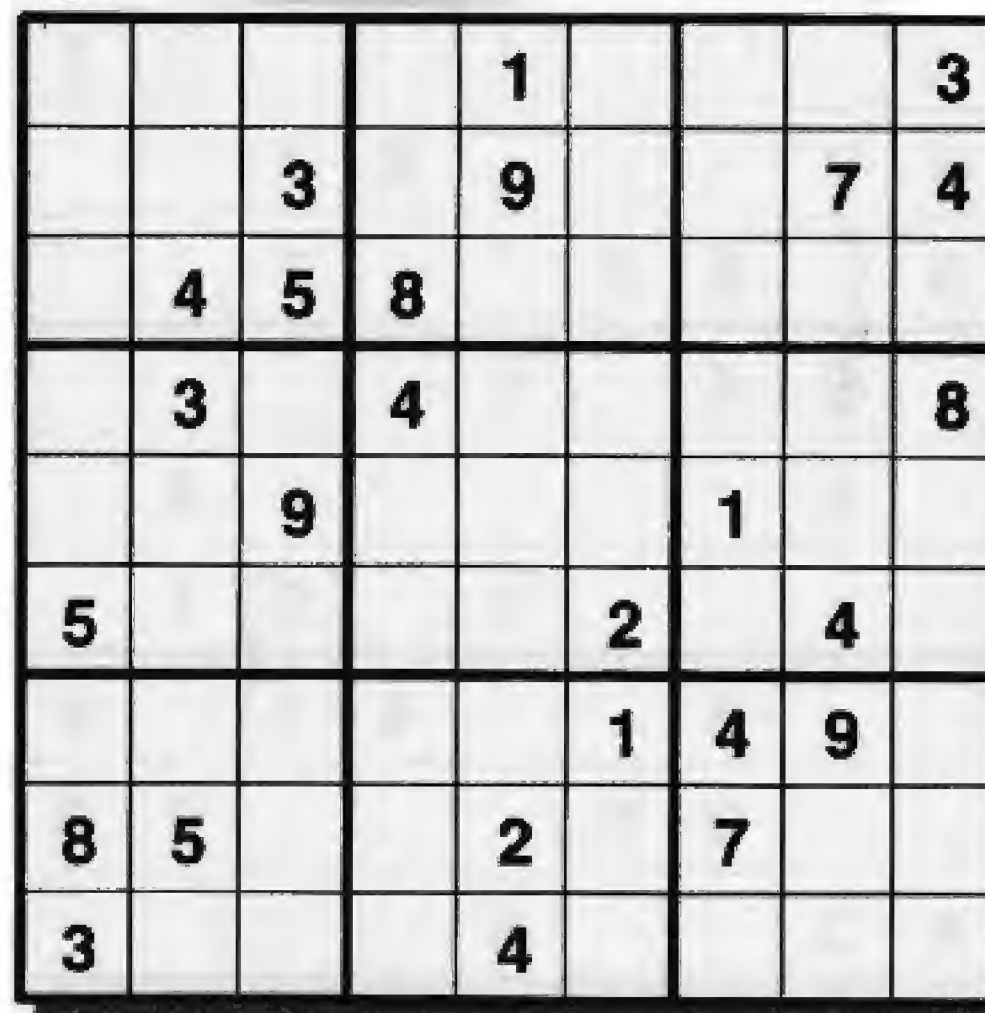
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Peru crowned dollar-counterfeiting champion



LIMA - Peruvian police officer inspects a questionable U.S. \$100 bill in Lima, Peru. With its meticulous criminal craftsmen, cheap labor and, by some accounts, lax law enforcement, the South American nation has emerged as global counterfeiting king. The Secret Service has since taken action against this, opening up a new office in this 2013 in Lima to aid Peru police in stopping these criminal craftsmen. So far, over 50 people have been found and accused of counterfeiting money, particularly U.S. hundred dollar bills.

New York spends \$168,000 a year on each inmate: study

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - New York City spent nearly \$168,000 per inmate in its jails last year, according to a report by an independent watchdog.

An average of 12,387 people a day were incarcerated in the city in 2012, more than three quarters of whom were awaiting trial, the report by the city's Independent Budget Office said.

Blacks accounted for 57 percent of the city's jail pop-

ulation and Hispanics 33 percent; barely seven percent were white, the report said.

Males made up 93 percent of the city's inmates.

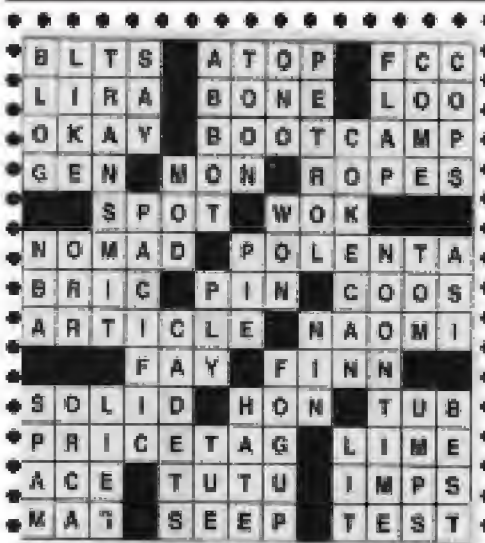
In determining that the city spent nearly \$168,000 per inmate last year, the report's authors factored in prison operating costs, the salaries and benefits of prison system employees, and the cost of servicing the debt for building and maintaining the prisons.

The findings come at a time when New York City is experiencing sharply falling incarceration rates, bucking a national trend.

The mayor's office reports that incarcerations have dropped 32 percent over the past decade, a period in which they increased slightly nationally.

The city's incarceration rate in 2011 was 474 per 100,000, significantly lower than the national average of 650 per 100,000.

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FINANCE

US stocks end nearly flat after volatile day

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks Friday finished a volatile day little changed as markets gyrated over competing headlines on the August US jobs report and the G20 debate among global leaders on Syria.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 15.90 (0.11 percent) to 14,921.58.

The broad-based S&P 500 closed essentially flat at 1,656.06, down 0.02, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index took on a scant 1.23 (0.03 percent) to 3,660.01.

Markets opened higher Friday but soon veered solidly into negative territory for a stretch before going positive again late morning and finally settling near flat.

The Labor Department said the US added 169,000 jobs in August, below analyst projec-



tions of 177,000. The report also lowered the estimates for jobs added in June and July.

The jobs report yielded competing interpretations over what the reports said about economic growth and meant for the Federal Reserve's plans to taper its stimulus program.

Scott Wren, a senior equity strategist at Wells Fargo Advisors, said the report "wasn't good at all," but argued that it

probably either delays a Fed taper, or means a smaller reduction in bond-purchases.

"It's a 'what's bad is good' type of thing," Wren said.

The continuing dispute between Russia and the US over Syria also troubled investors, as US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin failed Friday to end their bitter dispute over US military action against Damascus at the G20 meeting.

Oil prices gain on Syria war threat

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices won support this week from fears of a US-led military strike against Syria, while commodity market traders reacted also to uncertainty over the timing of the Federal Reserve's stimulus tapering.

US President Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin failed on Friday to end their bitter dispute over US plans for military action in Syria, as half of the G20 called for a "strong" response to a chemical weapons attack blamed on the regime.

The United States signalled that it had given up on securing Moscow's support at the

UN on the crisis, as Putin reiterated a warning that it would be "outside the law" to attack without the UN's blessing.

Also occupying traders' minds was news of disappointing US jobs growth in August, according to government data Friday.

The economy added 169,000 jobs in August, the Labor Department reported, fewer than the 177,000 expected by analysts.

The unemployment rate ticked down a tenth of a point to 7.3 percent, the lowest rate since December 2008.

Many analysts said the weak August jobs report would not

discourage the Fed from tapering its \$85 billion a month asset-purchase programme, known as quantitative easing, as soon as its September 17-18 monetary policy meeting.

But some hinted that Friday's jobs data could delay the process.

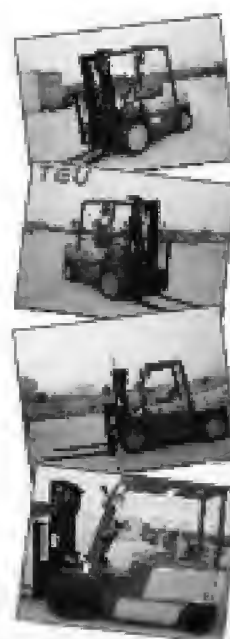
OIL: Crude futures built on the previous week's strong gains as traders continued to plough money into crude on the back of escalating tensions over Syria.

New York crude had struck \$112.24 a barrel the previous week, which was the highest level since early May 2011.

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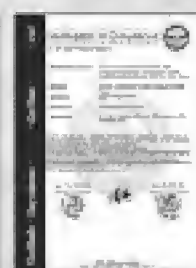
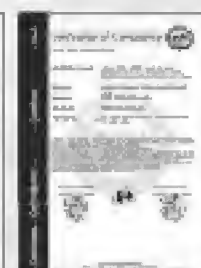
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Plus-size women in focus, in NY fashion week first

NEW YORK (AFP) - Full-figured women had their day on the catwalks of New York on Friday when hometown designer Eden Miller unveiled her plus-size collection -- a fashion week first.

In the ultra-skinny fashion world, where angular models typically strut the runways, Miller will send out voluptuous models sporting looks from a colorful mini-collection in which prints reign supreme.

Miller, who has been a designer for 25 years, launched her line Cabiria in April to "good but unexpected" reviews.

In July she was approached by the Fashion Law Institute -- a non-profit organization which advises and supports talented designers who do not have the resources to put on

shows themselves -- to stage a show.

"It's an incredible honor, it is absolutely fantastic," Miller told AFP ahead of her show.

"It is also a wonderful opportunity for showing the legitimacy of plus-size fashion. It is real fashion. It can be measured in the same way that other kinds of fashion can be."

Miller, herself proudly curvaceous, explains passionately how she uses cut, angles and silhouettes to flatter fuller figures.

She says her pieces are "simply cut with a consideration for a plus-sized figure. They put it on, and they feel beautiful and that's such a gift to me -- that fuels me to go further."

While still a rarity on international catwalks, plus-size



Cabiria designer Eden Miller

models have been seen in Paris and Milan, and London has a fashion week dedicated to clothing for the more generously endowed.

New York got its first plus-size show almost by accident.

"When I first met Eden, she was wearing one of her dresses," said Susan Scafidi of

the Fashion Law Institute.

"My first thought was not, 'nice plus line', but 'nice collection -- I wish she made it in my size.'"

"I actually didn't realize until later that Cabiria would be the first plus line in the tents. In other words, making accidental history was simply a plus."

Scafidi said that in the fashion world, the distinction between skinny models and larger models was made in the same way as one would distinguish between being gay or straight.

"The straight-size models and the straight-size designers are out there, the plus have stayed in the closet. So I am so thrilled that the plus world are coming out of the closet," she said.

Miller, whose collection is aimed at women who wear American sizes 12 to 24 (42 to 56 in Europe), loves bold prints and doesn't shy away from them.

The same applies to her own body, which she has adorned with some 50 tattoos, including a bat, a rat, two ladybirds and a beetle on her arms and snakes on her calves. "I love animals," she says, laughing.

By offering a small place to bigger women at New York fashion week, Miller says she hopes to make a larger impact in a country where the average woman is a size 14 (European 44).

Homage to Fellini earns ovation in Venice



Italian press agent Enrico Lucherini (L) poses with Italian director Ettore Scola before the screening of "Che Strano Chiamarsi Federico - Scola Racconta Fellini" presented out of competition at the 70th Venice Film Festival

VENICE (AFP) - A new biopic about late cult director Federico Fellini by his friend Ettore Scola, one of Italy's greatest living filmmakers, received a standing ovation at its premiere at the Venice film festival on Friday.

Italian President Giorgio Napolitano attended the showing of the film -- a patchwork of archive footage of the great director at work, interviews with people who knew him and a dramatisation of his early years.

"I felt emotional. I knew Fellini," Napolitano told reporters after the premiere, adding: "Fellini like no other director could bring together reality and imagination. He portrayed an Italian humanity."

The film, which is timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary of Fellini's death on October 31, 1993, is scheduled to come out in Italy next week.

The Oscar-winning filmmaker, who shot his first film in 1950, is most famous internationally for his 1960 classic

"La Dolce Vita" starring Marcello Mastroianni.

Scola, 82, who is best known for his "We All Loved Each Other So Much" from 1974, cried as he talked about his late friend after the showing.

"If you see tears, it's because after you get to 80 everything makes you cry, even a well-cooked steak," he joked.

"But if Fellini knew about this, he would be pissed off. He was always jolly and self-ironic."

LA COUNTY FAIR



POMONA (AFP) - Pigs compete in a race during the Los Angeles County Fair 2013 in Pomona, California Thursday. The LA County Fair kicked off on August 30 and will run through September 29.

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plantains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eater their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi", "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

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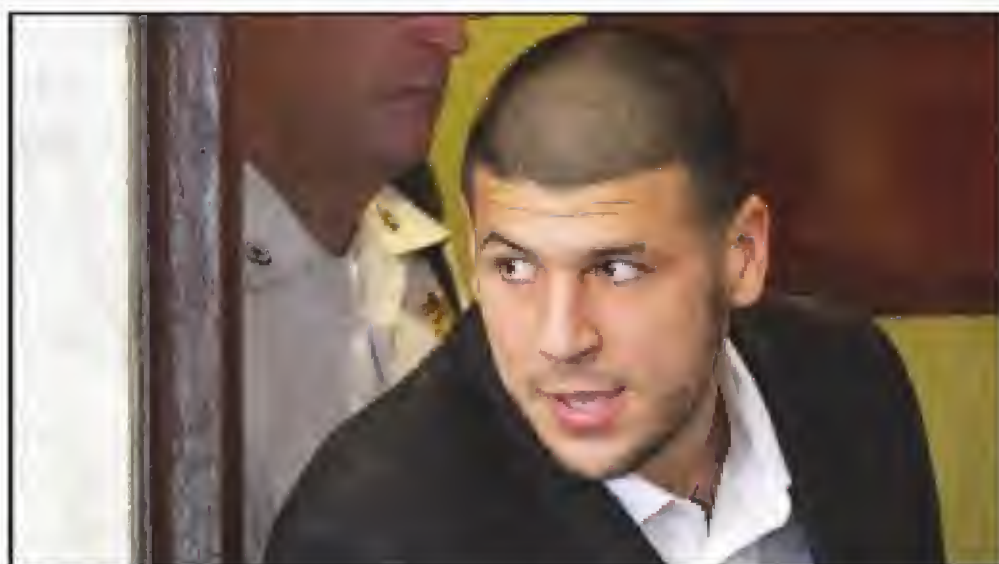
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SPORTS

NFL: Ex-Patriots star Hernandez denies murder



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder on Friday at his arraignment in a Massachusetts court.

Hernandez was indicted last month on the murder charge and five gun-related charges in the death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semi-pro football player whose bloodied body was found in North Attleboro,

Massachusetts, less than a mile from Hernandez's luxury home.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty to all six charges in Friday's appearance in Bristol County Superior court in Fall River, Massachusetts.

He is next scheduled to appear in court on October 9, and prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed that he will continue to be held without bail until then.

Hernandez has been in jail since his arrest on June 26. He had already pleaded not guilty to murder in Attleboro District Court, but the case has been transferred following the grand jury indictment on August 22.

Prosecutors say Hernandez and two other men, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, carried out the "execution-style" killing because Hernandez was angry that Lloyd had spoken with people he "had troubles with".

A jogger found Lloyd's body on June 17.

Wallace has pleaded not guilty to being an accessory to murder after the fact, while Ortiz has pleaded not guilty to illegally carrying a firearm.

Defense lawyers say the case against the 23-year-old Hernandez, who was cut by the Patriots shortly after his arrest, is circumstantial.

Athletics: Powell among five Jamaican "B" positives

KINGSTON (AFP) - Former 100-meter world record-holder Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson were among five Jamaican athletes whose "B" samples have tested positive for doping, the Jamaican Gleaner reported Friday.

The Jamaica Anti-Doping Commission (JADCO) told the newspaper that it has received laboratory results that confirm the banned performance-enhancing substances found in "A" samples for the five at the Jamaican championships in June.



JADCO said the five athletes have acknowledged receipt of letters notifying them of the positive "B" samples and that the findings have been passed along to the Jamaica Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel to set up hearings.

In July, Powell admitted he had failed a drugs test, a result that kept him from competing at last month's IAAF World Championships in Moscow, where countryman Usain Bolt captured the 100m and 200m crowns.

While Powell confirmed "adverse findings" in a Twitter posting, saying the banned stimulant oxilofrine was found, but denied he had knowingly taken any illegal performance-enhancing drugs.

"I am not now nor have I ever been a cheat," Powell tweeted.

Powell said he planned his own investigation to uncover

how the banned substance got into his system.

Simpson, a silver medalist in the women's 100m at the 2008 Olympics, had earlier told the Gleaner that she might have tested positive for something contained in a food supplement.

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Football: Klose equals goal record as Germany down Austria



MUNICH (AFP) - Germany edged closer to booking their World Cup place with a convincing 3-0 win over Austria in Friday night's qualifier as striker Miroslav Klose equalled the German goal-scoring record.

The win at Munich's Allianz Arena in front of 68,000 fans leaves Germany five-points clear at the top of Group C with three games left, including Tuesday's away trip to bottom side Faroe Islands.

Veteran striker Klose, 35, equalled Gerd Mueller's 39-year-old record of 68 goals for Germany when he gave his side a first-half lead on his 129th international appearance as Bayern pair Toni Kroos and Thomas Mueller added second-half goals.

Mueller, now 67, netted the last of his 68 goals with the winner in the 1974 World Cup final as West Germany beat the Netherlands 2-1 in Munich on

his 62nd appearance in the famous white shirt.

Another milestone was honoured before kick-off as Germany captain Philipp Lahm was presented with his 100th cap as he became the eighth German Football Federation (DFB) player to reach the milestone.

Victory gave Loew's side their sixth win from their seven qualifiers with only last October's dramatic 4-all draw with Sweden in Berlin -- when Germany threw away a 4-0 lead -- the only blot.

The defeat leaves Austria third in the group, three points behind Sweden, who moved up to second after beating the Republic of Ireland 2-1 in Dublin on Friday.

Germany are away to Group C bottom side Faroe Islands on Tuesday, the same night Austria host the Republic of Ireland in Vienna.

PALERMO (AFP) - Italy survived a nervy second half in an unconvincing 1-0 win over Bulgaria in Palermo to edge closer to 2014 World Cup qualification after extending their lead in Group B to seven points on Friday. Prandelli applauded the performance of all his players but had a special word for Gianluigi Buffon, who picked up his 135th cap to move one closer to equalling the all-time record of 136 held by retired Fabio Cannavaro. Four-time champions Italy can secure qualification for the World Cup on Tuesday if they draw against the Czech Republic, who were stunned 2-1 at home by Armenia.



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Azarenka in US Open final after comedy of errors

NEW YORK (AFP) - World number two Victoria Azarenka reached her second successive US Open final on Friday with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Italian veteran Flavia Pennetta in a match featuring 13 breaks of serve.

Azarenka goes on to face either world number one and defending champion Serena Williams or Chinese fifth seed Li Na in Sunday's title match.

It was Australian Open champion Azarenka's third successive semi-final appearance in New York, but she will need to step it up in the final after committing six double faults and 25 unforced errors.

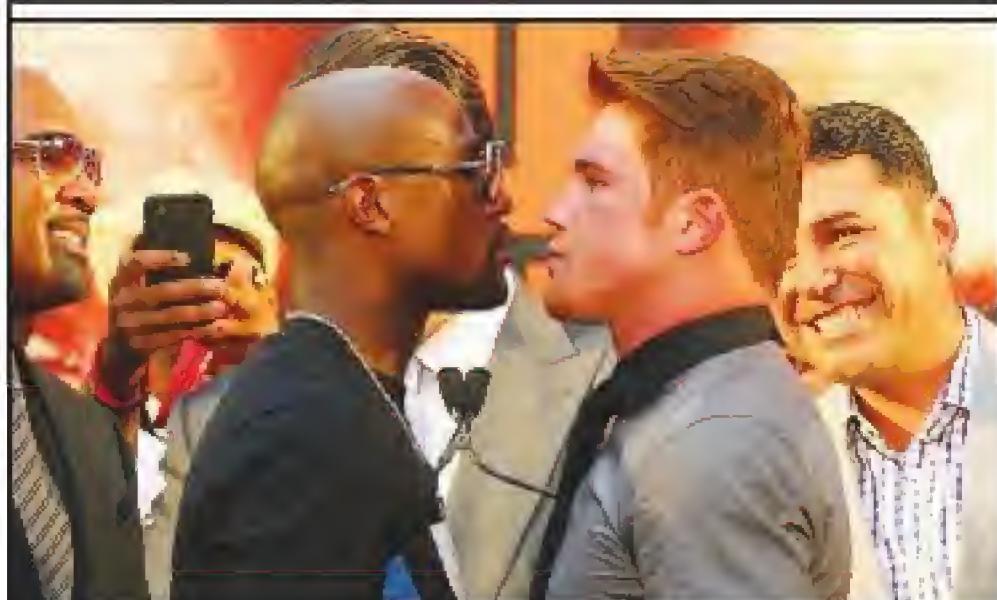
In a tense, error-hit first set there were seven breaks of



serve in 10 games with Azarenka, who had spent two hours more on court getting to the semi-finals than her opponent, struggling to impose her

authority. Azarenka went to three match points in the eighth game and claimed victory after 94 minutes with a wrong-footing forehand.

Mayweather To Make \$41.5 For Alvarez Fight



LAS VEGAS - According to the American's old foe Ricky Hatton, Floyd Mayweather will beat Saul Alvarez in Las Vegas on 14 September. "Alvarez is younger, bigger and stronger but Floyd will have the speed and movement to keep out of the way," said ex-world champion Hatton, 34. The fight is at the MGM Grand is for the WBC and WBA light-middleweight titles. Mayweather, 36, is a five-weight world champion and has not lost in 44 pro fights, while Mexican Alvarez, 23, is unbeaten in 43 paid encounters. De la Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions has a long-standing relationship with Mayweather but the firm's 40-year-old founder is something of a mentor to Alvarez, with whom he shares Mexican heritage. And the six-weight world champion is backing Alvarez to beat Mayweather and usher in a new era in boxing. "One thing Saul has that people are underestimating is power. He can knock you out with either hand," De la Hoya told BBC Sport. Mayweather is being paid an estimated £29.1m, taking his earnings for the year to approximately £60m, with Alvarez set to earn about £6.4m.

Red Sox beat Yankees in 10 innings on Thursday



NEW YORK - Before a stunned 40 480 baseball fans the Red Sox beat the Yankees 9-8 in a 10 innings, 4hrs 32min. drama at the Yankee Stadium.

Red Sox scored a tying run in 9th vs. Rivera, then beat Yankees on Victorino's single in 10th.

Boston, losers of 93 games last year, suddenly has the better team and the better farm system with more ready-made

major leaguers.

The Yankees had won nine of their previous 10 home games, and 15 of their previous 18. While The Sox have won three straight, six of seven, and 10 of their last 12 games.

The Red Sox and Yankees have six more matchups this season. Sox are fighting for the best record in the AL, a spot they hold today, and with the best home record in the league (47-25).

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MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	85	57	.599	--
TAMPA	77	62	.554	6.5
YANKEES	75	65	.536	9.0
BALTIMORE	74	65	.532	9.5
TORONTO	64	76	.457	20.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	81	59	.579	--
CLEVELAND	74	65	.532	6.5
KANSAS	73	67	.521	8.0
MINNESOTA	61	77	.442	19.0
CHICAGO	56	83	.403	24.5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	80	59	.576	--
OAKLAND	80	60	.571	0.5
LA ANGELES	65	74	.468	15.0
SEATTLE	63	77	.450	17.5
HOUSTON	47	93	.336	33.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	85	54	.612	--
WASHINGTON	71	68	.511	14.0
NY METS	63	75	.457	21.5
PHILADELPHIA	63	77	.450	22.5
MIAMI	52	86	.377	32.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
PITTSBURGH	81	58	.583	--
ST. LOUIS	80	60	.571	1.5
CINCINNATI	79	62	.560	3.0
MILWAUKEE	60	80	.429	--
CHICAGO	21.5			

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	83	56	.597	--
ARIZONA	71	68	.511	12.0
COLORADO	66	75	.468	18.0
SAN DIEGO	62	77	.446	21.0
SAN FRANCISCO	62	78	.443	21.5

x-Clinched Playoff Spot; y-Division Champ

NFL: Manning tosses seven TDs as Broncos rout Ravens

DENVER (AFP) - Peyton Manning tied a league record with seven touchdowns as the Denver Broncos crushed the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens 49-27 in the NFL season opener on Thursday.

The four-time most valuable player became just the sixth player in history to throw seven touchdowns in a game. Manning looked like he is ready to guide Denver to the playoffs just as he did last year in his return from multiple neck surgeries.

"It was a great night. Great atmosphere," Manning said. "We had to be patient and we knew we could get some shots and our receivers made some big plays."

Denver also exacted revenge for a 38-35 loss to Baltimore in the AFC divisional playoffs in January and they did it in style as the Broncos 22-point win Thursday was the biggest opening night victory ever over the defending Super Bowl champs.

Five of Manning's TDs came in the second half of the contest at Sports Authority Field which was delayed 33 minutes before the opening kick off because of a bad weather.

Manning joined Joe Kapp, George Blanda, Sid Luckman and Adrian Burk as the lone players in league history to toss seven touchdowns in a game.

He is the first to do it since Kapp in 1969 when the former NFL and Canadian Football League star played for the Minnesota Vikings.

Manning said he is well aware of Kapp's legacy.

"Joe Kapp. No. 11 from Cal. A Canadian. Kicked the crap out of a guy on YouTube a couple of years ago," Manning said.

The Broncos turned a three-point halftime deficit into a comfortable 25-point cushion by scoring 28 consecutive points to begin the second half.

Wes Welker, Julius Thomas and Demaryius Thomas each caught two touchdown passes for the Broncos, who finished 13-3 last season and had the No. 1 seed in the AFC before being ousted by the Ravens in the playoffs.

Welker finished with nine catches for 67 yards in his first game as a Bronco after spending the past half dozen seasons with New England. The Broncos signed Welker as a free agent.

Demaryius Thomas led all receivers with 161 yards on five catches while Julius



Thomas also had five catches for Denver.

The Ravens are still getting used to each other as they lost eight starters from last season. That list includes future Hall-of-Famer Ray Lewis, safety Ed Reed and wide receiver Anquan Boldin.

Baltimore, who beat San Francisco 34-31 to win the Super Bowl, struggled on defense Thursday by allowing a franchise-record 49 points.

Quarterback Joe Flacco,

who signed a six-year, \$120.6 million contract in March to make him the league's highest paid player, finished 34-of-62 passing for 362 yards.

Flacco also had two touchdowns and two interceptions, while Ray Rice managed just 36 yards and a score on 12 carries for Baltimore.

Must watch games include the Atlanta Falcons against New Orleans Saints and Cincinnati Bengals versus the Chicago Bears.

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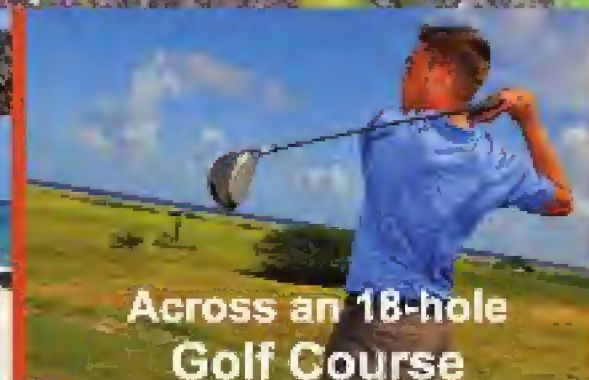
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